(c) and (d) The Government had decided to include Cotton Seed as an essential commodity in the Schedule to the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

(e) The Government has taken steps to protect poor sections of society through Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Antodaya Anna Yojna (AAY). Under the TPDS, wheat, rice, coarse grains and kerosene are allocated to State Governments/UTs for distribution through the Fair Price Shops. The Central Issue Price for rice and wheat has not been revised since 2002. For wheat it remains at Rs 4.15 per kg for BPL and Rs 2 per kg for AAY. For rice, it is Rs 5.65 per kg for BPL and Rs 3 per kg for AAY.Pulses are distributed to the State Governments under the PDS @ Rs.10 per kg subsidy scheme. In view of the rise in prices of essential commodities witnessed during the recent past, Government has allocated imported edible oils to State/UT Governments. States are free to distribute the oil through whatever outlets they decide on.

Foodgrains distribution under Antyodaya Anna Yojana

2514. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing foodgrains to States for distribution to BPL ration cardholders at subsidized rates;

(b) if so, the details of the total number of BPL cardholders in the country on basis of which foodgrains are provided to States indicating volume of allocation of foodgrains, State-wise during last three years;

(c) whether Government has also been providing foodgrains at greater subsidized rates to the States for distribution to poorer families under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana; and

(d) if so, the details about its volume and number of beneficiaries during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government allocates subsidized foodgrains to States & UTs under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) @ 35 Kg per Below Poverty Line (BPL)/Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) family per month, based on 1993-94 poverty estimates of Planning Commission and population estimates of Registrar General of India as on 1st March 2000 or number of BPL and AAY ration cards actually issued, whichever is less. Presently the allocations are being made for 6.5 crore such families.

AAY is a subset of the poorest of BPL families. Therefore, while the scale of issue of foodgrains per family per month is the same for BPL and AAY, the central issue prices for AAY are lower than those for BPL.

Details of State-wise allocations of foodgrains (rice & wheat) to BPL and AAY categories of families during 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 are at Statement-I (*See* below). The details of State-wise number of AAY ration cardholders during 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

*Allocation of Rice and Wheat for 2006-2007, 2007-08 and 2008-09 under BPL and AAY categories under TPDS**

(in 000' Tons)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Allocations 2006-07			Allocations 2007-08			Allocations 2008-09		
		BPL	AAY	Total	BPL	AAY	Total	BPL	AAY	Total
1	AP	1052.088	654.288	1706.376	1052.088	654.288	1706.376	1052.088	654.288	1706.376
2	Arunachal Pradesh	25.524	15.972	41.496	25.524	15.972	41.496	25.524	15.972	41.496
3	Assam	476.7	294.216	770.916	475.47	295.446	770.916	475 .224	295.692	770.916
4	Bihar	2019.013	662.091	2681.104	1719.804	1019.988	2739.792	1719.804	1019.988	2739.792
5	Chhattisgarh	483.688	295.25	778.938	472.688	301.944	774.632	485.688	301.944	787.632
6	Delhi	148.464	23.316	171.78	125.874	45.906	171.78	108.696	63.084	171.78
7	Goa	5.46	6.108	11.568	5.46	6.108	11.568	5.46	6.108	11.568
8	Gujrat	540.63	310.848	851.478	524.468	332.18	856.648	486.469	340.08	826.549
9	Haryana	221.151	109.394	330.545	208.572	122.82	331.392	208.572	122.82	331.392
10	HP	46.831	76.806	123.637	133.138	82.74	215.878	133.14	82.74	215.88
11	J&K	205.077	104.007	309.084	201.696	107.388	309.084	201.696	107.388	309.084
12	Jharkhand	700.224	305.268	1005.492	653.401	352.091	1005.492	619.956	385.536	1005.492
13	Karnataka	768.116	491.35	1259.466	770.384	503.892	1274.276	798.864	503.892	1302.756
14	Kerala	404.277	248.331	652.608	402.348	250.26	652.608	402.348	250.26	652.608
15	M. P.	1064.538	650.16	1714.698	1028.814	652.662	1681.476	1068.216	664.26	1732.476
16	Maharashtra	1911.084	833.22	2744.304	1682.633	1021.671	2704.304	1709.424	1034.88	2744.304

17	Manipur	48.552	21.18	69.732	47.166	22.566	69.732	43.008	26.724	69.732
18	Meghalaya	53.508	23.352	76.86	47.376	29.484	176.86	47.376	29.484	76.86
19	Mizoram	17.64	10.92	28.56	17.64	10.92	28.56	17.64	10.92	28.56
20	Nagaland	32.112	19.968	52.08	32.112	19.968	52.08	32.112	19.968	52.08
21	Orissa	1165.976	530.716	1696.692	1165.572	531.12	1696.692	1165.572	531.12	1696.692
22	Punjab	138.228	58.308	196.536	131.123	65.413	196.536	121.176	75.36	196.536
23	Rajasthan	635.306	385.714	1021.02	592.532	391.488	984.02	629.532	391.488	1021.02
24	Sikkim	11.766	6.474	18.24	11.304	6.936	18.24	11.304	6.936	18.24
25	Tamil Nadu	1259.232	783.144	2042.376	1259.232	783.144	2042.376	1259.232	783.144	2042.376
26	Tripura	95.364	28.536	123.9	77.962	45.938	123,9	76 .38	47.52	123.9
27	Uttar Pradesh	2766.663	1720.014	4486.677	2765.7	1719.48	4485.18	2765.7	1719.48	4485.18
28	Uttaranchal	149.511	59.661	209.172	145.656	63.516	209.172	145.656	63.516	209.172
29	West Bengal	1522.066	621.684	2143.75	1553.58	621.684	2175.264	1553.58	621.684	2175.264
30	A&N Islands	5.04	1.8	6.84	5.04	1.8	6.84	5.04	1.8	6.84
31	Chandigarh	2.512	0.888	3.4	2.94	0.888	3.828	3.006	0.822	3.828
32	D&N Haveli	4.948	1.772	6.72	4.524	2.196	6.72	4.524	2.196	6.72
33	Daman & Diu	1.044	0.636	1.68	1.044	0.636	1.68	1.044	0.636	1.68
34	Lakshadweep	0.295	0.161	0.456	0.713	0.464	1.177	0.756	0.492	1.248
35	Pondicherry	21.564	13.548	35.112	21.564	13.548	35.112	21.564	13.548	35.112
	TOTAL	8004.19	9369.101	27373.29	17365.14	10096.55	27461.69	17405.37	10195.77	27601.14

*These allocations also include additional quantities for 7.42 lakh APL families in KBK districts of Orissa but do not include some allocations of coarse grains made in lieu of wheat or rice.

Statement-II

Number of ration cards in States/UTs under Antyodaya Anna Yojana during years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09

(Fig. in lakh)

Sl.No.	States/UTs	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	15.578	15.578	15.578
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.380	0.380	0.380
3	Assam	7.005	7.040	7.040
4	Bihar	24.134	24.285	24.285
5	Chhattisgarh	7.189	7.189	7.189
6	Delhi	0.555	1.502	1.502
7	Goa	0.145	0.145	0.145
8	Gujarat	8.098	8.098	8.098
9	Haryana	2.924	2.924	2.924
10	Himachal Pradesh	1,971	1.971	1.971
11	J&K	2.557	2.557	2.557
12	Jharkhand	7.268	9.179	9.179
13	Karnataka	11.997	11.997	11.997
14	Kerala	5.958	5.958	5.958
15	Madhya Pradesh	15.645	15.816	15.816
16	Maharashtra	23.741	24.639	24.639
17	Manipur	0.504	0.636	0.636
18	Meghalaya	0.702	0.702	0.702
19	Mizoram	0.261	0.261	0.261
20	Nagaland	0.475	0.475	0.475
21	Orissa	12.645	12.645	12.645
22	Punjab	1.794	1.794	1.794
23	Rajasthan	9.279	9.321	9.321
24	Sikkim	0.165	0.165	0.165
25	Tamil Nadu	18.646	18.646	18.646

1	2	3	4	5
26	Tripura	0.679	1.131	1.131
27	Uttar Pradesh	40.945	40.945	40.945
28	Uttarakhand	1.512	1.512	1.512
29	West Bengal	14.799	14.799	14.799
30	A&N	0.043	0.043	0.043
31	Chandigarh	0.015	0.015	0.015
32	D&N Haveli	0.052	0.052	0.052
33	Daman & Diu	0.015	0.015	0.015
34	Lakshadweep	0.004	0.012	0.012
35	Pondicherry	0.322	0.322	0.322
	TOTAL	238.002	242.749	242.749

Malfunctioning in marketing of packaged food products

2515. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any norms for marketing of packaged food products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many foreign packaged food products flout these norms;

(d) if so, the details of the mechanism in the country to check the violation of such norms;

(e) the number of cases of violation of such norms reported during 2008-09 and 2009-10 so far in various parts of the country, product-wise; and

(f) the details of the steps taken by Government to check recurrence of such malfunctioning in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The standards for different foods articles and labeling provisions thereof have been laid down under the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 in Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955.The Standards of weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 enacted under the Standards of weights and Measures Act, 1976 also apply to Packaged Food articles.

(c) Provisions for importing food in the country is regulated under section 5 and 6 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 whereby no article of food in contravention of any provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and rules made there under can be imported. Similarly all packaged food articles imported into the country are also required to comply with the Packaged Commodities Rules, 1977.